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FROM: Paris

TO: Secretary of State

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PASS TO GENERAL W. BEDELL SMITH, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
AGENCY FROM DRAPER.

I understand [ ] is considering joining you in  
some important capacity and I am sure you would find him  
an excellent addition as you know he is in charge of our  
[ ]. I arrived here only a few days  
ago and I am in the midst of preparations for the Lisbon  
meeting so have literally no time to consider whether we  
need [ ] in some key spot which would be more impor-  
tant to our overall aims than the position you have  
offered him. I would appreciate your agreeing to his  
postponing a decision for say ten days until I can re-  
view the matter and can assure you that I will not re-  
commend his staying unless this seems urgently necessary.  
With best regards to you and Norey.

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I understand from Dr. Langer that during your recent visit to Washington Mr. Sherman Kent had an opportunity to discuss with you the possibility of your joining the Board of National Estimates as a regular full-time member. Since Mr. Kent has already outlined to you the nature of the work connected with our National Intelligence Estimates and has given you some idea of the function and composition of the Board, it is unnecessary for me to cover the ground again. I would like to say, however, that I believe the work on National Estimates is extremely important for the formulation of policy and that the Board of National Estimates is a key factor in coordinating the intelligence of the various agencies of the government. I feel sure that you would find your work on the Board interesting and profitable, and I would be very happy if you would accept a position as a member of the Board as soon as possible. These positions, as I think you may know, are classified at GS-18.

Since I understand that you are contemplating a change of position in the relatively near future, I am hoping that you will not only feel disposed to accept this offer but that you will make your services available in the not too distant future. We have recently lost a couple of members of the Board and I am rather anxious to bring it up to strength.

Sincerely,

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WALTER B. SMITH

Director

Long-hand postscript: I do not believe that you could find anything in government that would be more to your liking, more interesting, or that would be a greater contribution. W.B.S.

VIA - AIR MAIL

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